Reply of Government.—Noted.

Taluk Sheristadars who show fitness for executive work are selected as Deputy Amildars and Amildars. They should get themselves trained for such work.

SUBJECT No. 87.

a) Quarters for taluk officials.
b) Quarters to officials in malnad taluks.

a) Mr. Veeraiya, Hiriyur taluk.
b) Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Taluk officials are put to much inconvenience for want of accommodation. They have to pay a rent of Rs. 3 or 4 a month to secure a lodging. This is a great hardship to the poorly paid officials. Therefore quarters may be built in each taluk for the use of the taluk officials.

(*b*) In malnad taluks quarters to officials of the taluk and other offices are not available and even when available are to be found in some undesirable parts of the town. It is therefore prayed that quarters be built at Government cost and rented out to officials, as this will be a source of profit to Government and a boon to officials.

Reply of Government.—Is being done as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 88.

Training of village officers.

Mr Ramegowda, Malur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Patels and shanbhogs are being trained in survey work by the district surveyor at the district headquarters. It would be a great advantage if the shanbhogs are also taught the preparation of the village accounts, and the patels the rules pertaining to revenue and police duties, so far as it concerns them.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 89.

Increase of potgi.

(1-4) Mr. Srinivas Rao, Chitaldrug District Board.
(5) Mr. Venkatasamaiya, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The scale of potgi fixed for shanbhogs and patels may be increased for the following reasons:—

(1) That the time when the scale was originally fixed was very favourable and the cost of living has considerably increased since.

(2) That the work of shanbhogs is increasing year by year.

(3) That the present potgi is very inadequate.

(4) That extra emoluments which were paid by the raiyats of their own accord have been withdrawn.

(5) The remuneration of patels and shanbhogs may be increased so as to keep them above corruption and temptation to misuse Government money.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri.—At least one-tenth of the land revenue collections should be spent in remunerating shanbhogs and patels. If this standard is adopted it will be possible to raise the potgi by at least 20 per cent. Patels and shanbhogs derive no benefit from the inam lands. They are fully assessed and are subject to partition.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti.—As the number of registers which is now required to be kept is large and as the stationery allowance is inadequate, a part of the potgi has to be spent in the purchase of stationery. The duties are not honorary and practically take up the whole time of the official.

Mr. Malali Venkataramayya.—Patels and shanbhogs in the malnad should be treated more liberally than in the maidan. The villages are small but the duties are more arduous.

This was considered along with subject No. 90.

SUBJECT No. 90.

Higher remuneration to shanbhogs and patels.

(*a*) Messrs. Bhaskar Rao, Shimoga District Board, Ramanna and Venkatasubbiah, Krishnarajpete taluk.
(*b*) Mr. Chikkamallappa, Gundlupet taluk.
(*c*) Messrs. Narahariah, Rudrappa and Krishna Rao, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The present scales of remuneration to shanbhogs and patels are very low, considering the increase of work in recent years. It is very necessary either to increase the scale of remuneration or to regroup the existing shanbhogi and pateli charges so as to give competent men as many villages as they can easily manage. Till final orders are passed on the subject, it is prayed that deserving men may be permitted to be in charge of 2 or 3 circles without any prejudice to Government work, so that their total emoluments may come up to about Rs. 200 per annum.

(*b*) Throughout the State shanbhogs are paid a higher potgi than the patels but as the duties of patels are equally varied and responsible, their potgi also may be raised.

(*c*) Pray that the potgi of the shanbhogs may be raised.

Mr. Sreenivas Rao, Chitaldrug.—The shanbhogi work takes up the whole time of a shanbhog. The potgi is not calculated separately for each village comprised in a *firka* but for the entire *firka*. The number of village accounts to be kept by shanbhogs has of late been increased. The rate of shanbhogs' remuneration is still very low although the pay of the village school masters and other officials is increased.

Shanbhogi *firkas* were readjusted during Settlement, the lowest potgi for a *firka* being fixed at Rs. 25.

The potgi scale as fixed in 1864 still continues although the cost of living has increased owing to rise in the price of food grains and the land revenue has also increased. In Sangli and other States with comparatively smaller revenue, shanbhogs have long been getting potgi at the rate of 5 per cent on the revenue of their villages together with *sadiluvar*, etc.